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FOIA Case: 101419A
20 December 2017

Ben Berwick
The Protect Democracy Project
2020 Pennsylvania Avenue NW 163
Washington, DC 20006

Re: *The Protect Democracy Project v. NSA, et al.*, 17-cv-1000 (DDC) (CKK)

Dear Mr. Berwick

I write on behalf of the National Security Agency ("NSA" or the "Agency") in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request dated 21 April 2017 and further to the Court's Order of 4 December 2017 in the above-referenced case (the "Action").

Your request, as narrowed by the parties' Joint Status Report of 25 October (Dkt. No. 16) in the Action, is being processed under the FOIA. In accordance with the Court's Order, enclosed are non-exempt portions of one responsive record. This document is Bates stamped 17-cv-1000-NSA000001.

Certain FOIA-exempt information has been withheld from the enclosure. Specifically, as indicated on the enclosed document, NSA is withholding material pursuant to Exemption 3 of the FOIA, which provides for the protection of information specifically safeguarded from disclosure by statute. (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3)) Applicable here is Section 6 of the National Security Agency Act, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S.C. 3605), which provides that notwithstanding any other law, including the FOIA, NSA may not be compelled to disclose information with respect to its organization, function, or activities. After determining that such information exists in this document, we have withheld it accordingly.

Please be advised that we continue to process your request, and the review of additional documents related to your request is ongoing. Any non-exempt, responsive materials will be provided to you as they are completed in accordance with the schedule ordered in the Action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Chapman", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Chief, FOIA/PA Office
NSA Initial Denial Authority

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(U//~~FOUO~~) From the Desk of Trumbull D. Soule, Director of Legislative, State, and Local Affairs

(U//~~FOUO~~) Yesterday, ADM Rogers joined Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper, and Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence Marcel Lettre, in briefing the Senate Armed Services Committee on foreign cyber threats. Not surprisingly, a good many of the questions from the senators were related to the accusations of Russian attempts to interfere in the recent presidential election.

(U//~~FOUO~~) As these allegations first arose, the White House directed the Intelligence Community to investigate and report their findings. President Obama received the report on Thursday, 5 January 2017, and intelligence officials briefed President-elect Trump today, Friday, 6 January 2017. During yesterday's testimony, DNI Clapper noted that an unclassified version of the report would be released to the public, and it is now available on the DNI's Tumblr page "IC on the Record." The same report is available at the below link. Additional hearings on this issue will take place in coming weeks.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) While employees are free to discuss information that is contained in this unclassified report, it is important to remember that this is a highly sensitive issue that has been informed by some of NSA's most critical capabilities. Our continued success in this area depends on our ability to maintain ongoing access to this type of data, so I ask each of you not to speculate on or discuss the sources and methods that informed this report. And as always, should you be approached by any member of the media seeking information, please refer them to the NSA Public Affairs Office at mediarelations@nsa.gov or at 301-688-6524.

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